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Dear Garrison

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The impetus that the slave power <sup>unintentionally</sup> give the Anti Slavery cause in America, last Friday Dec 2<sup>d</sup> by strangling Capt. John Brown in the air of a professing Christian country - a victim of the Country's vice - ~~xxx~~ is truly great. The shyness of Virginia & the south, in her eagerness to get a rope around the old veterans neck, little dreamed that she was <sup>at the same time</sup> fastening a cord to her own neck, that will never yield the first iota, till the last strangling efforts of the slave power, shall die beneath the triumphant reign of universal freedom

An Anti Slavery meeting was called here last Friday afternoon and evening - in the evening the largest hall in town was filled, some good spirited resolutions were offered to the meeting, the Rev. Mr. Nichols (Cong.) Professor Stone (teacher) who I understood told the school house full at 3 o'clock P.M. Mr Bradley, Babbet, Clark and others <sup>spoke</sup> in support of the resolves - while Mr Washburn, Mann, Cornell, and King took exception. ~~He~~ a committee of three was chosen to form a Preamble and constitution preparatory to forming a County Anti Slavery society on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst when the meeting adjourned to the time of the execution of the other prisoners at Dapens & my

Yours from the night Lewis Ford

I give you this short notice that Minnesota may here be represented through your papers, & if you think it best, you will correct & insert the above





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